

Memorandum



Date: June 19, 2007

To: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

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Agenda Item No. 1 (E) 1

From: George M. Burgess
County Manager

Subject: Resolution establishing the Airport Regional Taxicab Service (ARTS) rules and regulations and extending ARTS to include Zone C for trips originating at the Miami International Airport

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the attached resolution establishing Airport Regional Taxicab Service (ARTS) rules and regulations and extending the ARTS area to include flat fare Zone C for trips originating at the Miami International Airport.

SCOPE

This proposed resolution affects the Miami International Airport and surrounding areas.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

The Consumer Services Department (CSD) is responsible for monitoring the ARTS rules and regulations.

BACKGROUND

In 1981, the Board adopted Resolution No. R-1443-81 that established a short haul, flat rate taxi zone (Zone A) for trips originating from Miami International Airport (MIA). Later, in 1983, a second short haul zone (Zone B) was added by Resolution No. R-845-83 (attached). This resolution also recommended the designation of a specific number of taxicabs to provide service to the short haul zones in response to numerous complaints regarding short trip refusals.

The operational plans and service standards for the ARTS program were established by the former Dade County Transportation Administration. These plans provided that twenty-five (25) existing taxicabs would be selected by lottery to solely provide transportation from MIA to the short haul zones. In 1983, a lottery was established to select ARTS program providers. Seventy-five (75) alternates were also selected and they were used to replace the taxicabs leaving the program. ARTS taxicabs are not equipped with meters and are painted a distinctive color blue.

Currently, there are only eighteen (18) taxicabs providing ARTS service. There are no remaining alternates in queue, and there is no mechanism at present to replenish them. The attached proposed rules and regulations establish an ongoing mechanism and process to ensure a supply of ARTS taxicabs through continuing lotteries. After approval, the CSD will conduct a new lottery to increase the number of in-service ARTS vehicles to twenty-five (25). The rules provide for a small number of alternates, provide authority to increase the

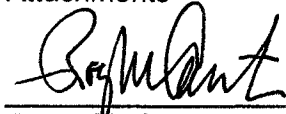
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number of ARTS vehicles if service demands require them, provide grounds for revocation of ARTS authorization, and establish that 10% will be wheelchair accessible.

In addition, this resolution expands the ARTS flat fare zones to include Zone C, approved in 1999 by Resolution No. R-398-99 that created three flat rate taxicab zones (C,D, and E) for trips between MIA and portions of Coral Gables and adjacent unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County. The current flat fare rate for Zone C is \$14 which is the same as the current flat fare rate for Zone B. The rate for Zone A is \$10. The flat rate zones and fares continue to be governed by a separate resolution. There are an estimated 230 Zone A and B trips per day, based upon data collected during the recent Taxicab Study. There is no trip data for Zone C.

These proposals were discussed with the Miami-Dade Aviation Department, two Taxicab Drivers Focus Groups and CSD's Taxicab Advisory Group, which consists of representatives from industry, hospitality, municipalities, and others. All parties have agreed to the recommendation. In addition, the recently concluded Taxicab Study determined that the ARTS program continues to serve a useful purpose and recommended its continuance.

Attachments



Roger M. Carlton
Assistant County Manager

AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE (ARTS)
RANDOM LOTTERY SELECTION PROCESS

RULES AND REGULATIONS

A. ARTS AUTHORIZATION ISSUANCE AND TERMS:

1. An applicant for an Airport Regional Taxicab Service (ARTS) authorization shall complete an ARTS registration form for each for-hire medallion to be considered for this service and submit it with all applicable fees pursuant to Administrative Order 04-107 or any successor Administrative Order that establishes fees. Each for-hire medallion shall be allowed one entry. The fee must be submitted to the Consumer Services Department (CSD) – Passenger Transportation Regulatory Division (PTRD), 140 West Flagler Street, Room 904, Miami, Florida 33130. Any changes in the information provided herein shall be updated at all times by the applicant.
2. Registration forms will be received by the CSD-PTRD and upon full compliance with the requirements for application shall be entered into the random selection process.
3. Random selection of existing Miami-Dade County for-hire medallions for award of an ARTS authorization will be conducted as needed to replenish both in-service ARTS vehicles and the stand-by alternates list. The lottery will be conducted at a time and place to be announced at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of selection (drawing).
4. The random selection process will be conducted as follows:
 - a. ARTS authorization will be awarded in sequential order of selection.
 - b. CSD shall select sufficient for-hire medallions to bring the current list of in-service ARTS vehicles to twenty-five (25) with the authority to increase the number of in-service ARTS vehicles as CSD deems necessary to ensure the needs of the Aviation Department. Ten (10 %) percent of all ARTS vehicles shall be wheelchair accessible cabs. ARTS authorized vehicles will be placed in service immediately.
 - c. There will be an additional ten (10) for-hire medallions selected who will be placed on an alternates list.

5. ARTS authorization will be issued to the specific for-hire medallion holder (individual or corporation) that has been selected (Paragraph A-4). ARTS authorization and designation as an ARTS alternate are not transferable. In the event that a medallion holder who has received an ARTS authorization or has been selected as an alternate transfers his/her/its for-hire medallion to another party, the ARTS authorization or alternate designation will be revoked immediately upon approval of said transfer.
6. All ARTS selections will be for as long as the ARTS authorized medallion holder remains in compliance and has not been revoked for any violation of the General Terms and Conditions herein or any other violations punishable by revocation of the ARTS authorization. ARTS medallion holders may withdraw from the ARTS program upon written request by the medallion holder to the CSD.
7. In the event an ARTS authorization is revoked, CSD shall replace the revoked authorized medallion with the next for-hire medallion on the alternates list. As vehicles are removed, this sequential order will be continued.
8. All ARTS authorizations and selections are subject to revocation by the CSD-PTRD for violation of these Rules and Regulations, Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami Dade County or Miami-Dade Aviation Department Operational Directive #42.

B. VEHICLE STANDARDS

1. All ARTS permits and selections must comply with the vehicle standards as defined by Section 31-89 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
2. Every ARTS taxicab used to provide transportation services under an ARTS authorization must be painted the specific color as determined by CSD and meet all County Code requirements. Each vehicle must be permanently marked in white letters with the passenger service company name (2" high) and telephone number (2" high), and the for-hire medallion number (standard size) at the six (6) CSD-PTRD designated places on the vehicle exterior. All other exterior and interior markings/signage will be provided by the CSD-PTRD and must be displayed in accordance with instructions issued by the CSD-PTRD.

3. The ARTS cab shall not have a taximeter installed or otherwise in the vehicle while providing ARTS service.
4. The ARTS taxicab must be equipped with the Miami International Airport AVI system transponder.
5. Any vehicle not meeting standards one (1) and two (2) set forth herein may be suspended from service until violations are corrected and the vehicle passes inspection.
6. Any vehicle not meeting standards three (3) and four (4) set forth herein shall be suspended from service until violations are corrected and the vehicle passes inspection.

C. OPERATING STANDARDS

1. ARTS transportation service can only be provided within the ARTS areas (Zones A, B and C). A map of the zone must be prominently displayed in the passenger compartment.
2. ARTS chauffeurs may not transport passengers to destinations outside the ARTS zone.
3. ARTS taxicabs cannot operate on the airport upper level (top ramp), unless instructed by landside operations. ARTS service is exclusive to lower level.
4. ARTS chauffeurs must comply with all County and State laws, including Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code, Miami-Dade Aviation Department Operational Directive #42 and these Rules and Regulations.
5. ARTS taxicabs shall not double load passengers, except when directed by the Aviation Department Starter Landside Operations Officer.
6. All ARTS taxicabs must return to airport immediately after dropping off a passenger at their destination.
7. ARTS taxicabs shall provide minimum daily service as delineated below unless otherwise directed by the Aviation Department Director or designee.
 - a. All ARTS vehicles must be in operation from 6:00 A.M. to 12:00 Midnight, seven days a week.

- b. All ARTS authorized medallion holders must arrange for additional chauffeurs to meet the required schedule above.
8. The total fare for trips to locations in Zones A through C are determined by resolution R-1089-05 or any successor resolution determining flat fares.

D. SERVICE STANDARDS

1. ARTS chauffeurs shall open doors for passengers.
2. ARTS chauffeurs shall load and unload luggage. Any ARTS chauffeur with a temporary or permanent physical impairment which prevents him/her from providing this service must file documentation to the CSD-PTRD from a physician describing the impairment and specifying the length of time that the impairment will affect the chauffeur.
3. In the event that no ARTS taxicabs are available, regular line taxicabs will be required to transport short-haul passengers. Miami-Dade Aviation Department personnel will utilize this normal operating procedure when, in their judgment, no ARTS service is imminent and the needs of the passengers will be served by this action.

E. CHAUFFEUR STANDARDS

1. ARTS chauffeurs shall at all times during the performance of their duties be in compliance with Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Miami-Dade Aviation Department Operational Directive #42 and these Rules and Regulations.
2. Chauffeurs must be approved by the CSD-PTRD before providing service under an ARTS authorized permit. First time applicants must possess a minimum of two (2) years professional taxicab chauffeur experience in Miami-Dade County and not have been found guilty of more than two (2) citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than two (2) fines for violating Chapter 31 of the County Code during the last two (2) years.

Chauffeurs are subject to inspection by authorized Miami- Dade personnel at any time for cleanliness, general appearance, and ability to perform as a chauffeur. Chauffeurs who do not meet

ARTS standards stated herein shall be suspended from ARTS service until corrective action has been taken.

F. CHAUFFEUR REVOCATION FROM ARTS PROGRAM

1. All ARTS chauffeur revocations shall be made administratively and the chauffeur shall have the opportunity to appeal the revocation at an administrative hearing held in accordance with Section 31-91 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.
2. ARTS chauffeurs shall be revoked from the ARTS program if they have paid or have been found guilty at an administrative hearing of a single citation for any of the following infractions:
 - a. Transporting a passenger outside of the ARTS zone.
 - b. Failure to use the established ARTS rate.
 - c. Refusal to transport a passenger.
3. Any ARTS chauffeur who is issued two (2) citations over a twelve (12) month period, for any violation of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code which is not listed in F (2) shall automatically lose the privilege to operate under an ARTS authorized medallion after the period for appeal has lapsed; provided, however, this action will not affect his or her privilege to continue operating a regular taxicab. If an administrative hearing is requested to appeal a citation, the chauffeur will remain in ARTS service pending final disposition of the citation. If the administrative hearing officer finds that the chauffeur violated Chapter 31 and/or if the chauffeur pays the fine, said chauffeur shall not be allowed to provide chauffeur service under an ARTS authorized medallion for one year from the date of removal from the ARTS program as a result of the second violation/citation.
4. Chauffeurs may not re-apply to drive an ARTS vehicle until one (1) year of removal from the ARTS program has passed provided that during that year period he/she has not been found guilty of one or more citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or have paid more than one (1) or more fine(s) for any violations of Chapter 31.

G. ARTS AUTHORIZED MEDALLION HOLDER RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Each ARTS authorized medallion holder must ensure that service is provided in conformity with Chapter 31 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, Dade County Aviation Department Operational Directive #42 and the Rules and Regulations of the ARTS authorized medallion.
2. Each ARTS authorized medallion holder shall complete a "Chauffeur Approval/ Withdrawal Form" for each Chauffeur driving the ARTS vehicle. The Form must include all required information and shall be submitted to the CSD-PTRD office, 140 West Flagler Street, 9th Floor, Room 904, for approval. No Chauffeur provide ARTS service without CSD-PTRD approval. Withdrawal of chauffeurs may be submitted at any time.
3. Each ARTS authorized medallion holder shall be deemed responsible for the authorized chauffeur's compliance with these Rules and Regulations, Chapter 31 regulations particularly as set forth under applicable subsections of Section 31-303(i)(1) through (i) (22) and Section 31-85 and MDAD Operational Directive #42.
4. The ARTS vehicle may be replaced at any time subject to CSD-PTRD approval.
5. Each ARTS authorized medallion holder shall collect and maintain trip sheets as required under Section 31-85 (e) of the Code of Miami-Dade County. In addition, the medallion holder shall be responsible for maintaining a supply of receipts in his/her ARTS vehicle(s).
6. Insurance shall be provided in accordance with Chapter 31 of the Code of the Miami-Dade County.

H. OWNER CHAUFFEUR CITATIONS / SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION PROCEEDINGS

1. All revocations of ARTS authorized medallion held by an owner/driver shall be made administratively and the owner chauffeur shall have the opportunity to appeal the revocation at an administrative hearing held in accordance with Section 31-91 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. An ARTS authorized medallion undergoing a revocation proceeding shall remain in ARTS service until final disposition of the proceedings or until

the appeal period has lapsed, at which time the ARTS authorization shall be automatically revoked.

2. ARTS authorized medallions shall be automatically revoked from ARTS service by the CSD-PTRD if the owner chauffeur violates any of the following:

- a. If the owner chauffeur transports passengers outside the ARTS zone.
- b. If the owner chauffeur fails to use the established ARTS rates.
- c. If the owner chauffeur refuses to transport a passenger.
- d. If the owner chauffeur holder allows an unauthorized or suspended chauffeur to operate the ARTS taxicab.
- e. If the owner chauffeur is issued two (2) citations over a twelve (12) month period, for any violation of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code not listed in subsections a.- c. above.

3. Taxicab medallion owner chauffeurs may not re-apply for the ARTS lottery until after one year of removal from the ARTS program provided that during that year period he/she has not been found guilty of one or more citations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) for any violations of Chapter 31.

I. PERMIT HOLDER REVOCATION OF ARTS DESIGNATION FOR VIOLATIONS BY NON-OWNER ARTS CHAUFFEURS

1. ARTS authorization shall be revoked from the medallion by the CSD-PTRD if any non-owner chauffeur ARTS driver commits two violations of Section F (2) during a twelve (12) month period. The revocation will be automatically imposed once he/she has been found guilty of the violations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time).
2. ARTS authorization shall be revoked from the medallion by the CSD-PTRD if any non-owner chauffeur ARTS driver commits four (4) or more violations of Chapter 31 of the Miami-Dade County Code not listed in

Section F (2). The revocation will be automatically imposed once he/she has been found guilty of the violations (by an administrative hearing officer or by failing to pay or appeal the citation within the established time) or by having paid the fines.

AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE
FLAT FARE TAXI RATE ZONES
As of April 2007

ZONE	BOUNDARIES	RATE
A	Includes all locations in an area bounded on the north by South Royal Poinciana Drive; on the east by NW 32 Avenue; on the south by NW 7 Street, and on the west by NW 43 Avenue, north to south Royal Poinciana Drive	\$10
B	Includes all locations in an area bounded on the north by NW 36 Street, east to NW 57 Avenue, north to Curtis Parkway, northeast to South Royal Poinciana Drive, southeast to NW 43 Avenue; on the east by NW 43 Avenue, south to NW 29 Street, east to NW 43 Avenue, south to NW 7 Street; on the south by NW 7 Street; and on the west by State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway)	\$14
C	Includes all locations in an area bounded on the north by NW 7 Street; on the east by NW 32 Avenue and SW 32 Avenue; on the South by SW 8 Street; and on the west by NW 57 Avenue and SW 57 Avenue	\$14

RESOLUTION NO. R-845-83

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING UNIFORM TAXICAB METER RATES FOR FOR-HIRE VEHICLES; MAINTAINING THE ADDITION OF A \$1.00 TOLL CHARGE TO ALL TAXICAB METER PARES ORIGINATING AT THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT OR THE PORT OF MIAMI ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1443-81; EXPANDING THE AIRPORT TAXICAB FLAT PARE ZONE SYSTEM FOR TRIPS ORIGINATING AT THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. R-1443-81; ESTABLISHING AN AIRPORT SHUTTLE TAXICAB SYSTEM TO SERVICE THE AIRPORT TAXICAB FLAT PARE ZONES; ESTABLISHING A TAXICAB FLAT PARE RATE FOR TRIPS FROM THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO THE PORT OF MIAMI AND FROM THE PORT OF MIAMI TO THE MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the County Manager's report and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has considered the Dade County Transportation Administration's rate analysis and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has held a public hearing and considered all evidence produced at said public hearing; and

WHEREAS, at the the conclusion of said public hearing the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the rates set in this resolution are in the public interest,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the uniform taxicab rates are hereby established as follows:

1. Effective August 1, 1983, the countywide, uniform taxicab rates shall be as follows:

A. The meter shall be one dollar (\$1.00) for the first one-third of a mile or less and twenty cents (\$.20) for each additional one-sixth of a mile thereafter, as recorded on a Certified Taxicab Taximeter. The rate of any fractional part of

one-sixth of a mile traversed by any taxicab shall be the same as if the entire one-sixth of a mile had been traversed by such taxicab.

- B. The rate which shall be charged for waiting time shall be twenty cents (\$.20) for the first one minute and thirty-six seconds and twenty cents (\$.20) for each additional forty-eight seconds (\$14.80 per hour), as recorded on a Certified Taxicab Taximeter.
- C. No additional charge shall be made for the transportation of extra passengers or hand baggage in any taxicab.
- D. Toll road or bridge fees shall not be added to any charge.

II. The non-meter, per trip toll surcharge of \$1.00, payable by the passenger, for trips originating at the Miami International Airport or the Port of Miami, established by Resolution No. R-1443-81, shall remain in full force and effect.

III. When the Airport Shuttle Taxicab System becomes effective, the taxicab flat fare zone system for trips originating at the Miami International Airport, established by Resolution No. R-1443-81, is hereby expanded as follows:

- A. The existing flat fare zone, hereinafter referred to as Zone A, is expanded to include all locations in an area bounded on North by South Royal Poinciana Drive; on the East by N.W. 37 Avenue; on the South by N.W. 7 Street; and on the West by N.W. 43 Avenue, North to N.W. 17 Street,

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West to N.W. 53 Avenue, North to N.W.
29 Street, East to N.W. 43 Avenue,
North to South Royal Poinciana Drive.

The total taxicab fare for all such trips
to locations within Zone A remains \$4.50
per trip to any individual or group of
passengers engaging a taxicab. The fare
includes the \$1.00 per trip toll surcharge.
The taxicab meter will not be used on such
trips.

- B. A second flat fare zone, hereinafter
referred to as Zone B, is established to
include all locations in an area bounded
on the North by N.W. 36 Street, East to
N.W. 57 Avenue, North to Curtis Parkway,
Northeast to South Royal Poinciana Drive,
Southeast to N.W. 43 Avenue; on the East
by N.W. 43 Avenue, South to N.W. 29 Street,
West to N.W. 53 Avenue, South to N.W. 17
Street, East to N.W. 43 Avenue, South to
N.W. 7 Avenue; on the South by N.W. 7 Avenue;
and on the West by State Road 826 (Palmetto
Expressway).

The total taxicab fare for all such trips to
locations within Zone B will be a standard
charge of \$7.00 per trip to any individual
to group of passengers engaging a taxicab.
The fare includes the \$1.00 per trip toll
surcharge. The taxicab meter will not be
used on such trips.

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IV. Prior to August 31, 1983, the Airport Shuttle Taxicab System shall become operational. The operational plan and service standards for taxicab trips originating at the Miami International Airport to all locations within Zones A and B, as described in Section III (A) and (B), will be established by the Dade County Transportation Administration.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner Clara Oesterle, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beverly B. Phillips, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Barbara M. Carey	Aye
Clara Oesterle	Aye
Beverly B. Phillips	Aye
James F. Redford, Jr.	Aye
Harvey Ruvlin	Aye
Barry D. Schreiber	May
Ruth Shack	Aye
Jorge E. Valdes	May
Stephen P. Clark	Absent

The Mayor thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 19th day of July, 1983.

DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RICHARD P. BRINKER, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney at to form and legal sufficiency. at

By: **RAYMOND REED**
Deputy Clerk





MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: June 5, 2007

FROM: Murray A. Greenberg
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No.

Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review

Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No.

Veto _____

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE AIRPORT REGIONAL
TAXICAB SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND
EXTENDING AIRPORT REGIONAL TAXICAB SERVICE TO
INCLUDE ZONE C FOR TRIPS ORIGINATING AT THE
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the
accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that**

- I. The Airport Regional Taxicab Service rules and regulations, as attached
hereto, are hereby approved by the Board of County Commissioners.
- II. The Airport Regional Taxicab Service flat fare zones are hereby expanded to
include Zone C, as defined by resolution R-1089-05 or any successor
resolution, for trips originating at the Miami International Airport.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner
who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner
and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chair

Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Carlos A. Gimenez
Joe A. Martinez
Dorrian D. Rolle
Katy Sorenson
Sen. Javier D. Souto

Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman
Dennis C. Moss
Natacha Seijas
Rebeca Sosa

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of June, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez